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THE HEDGEHOG



NIGHT OF CHAOS!!

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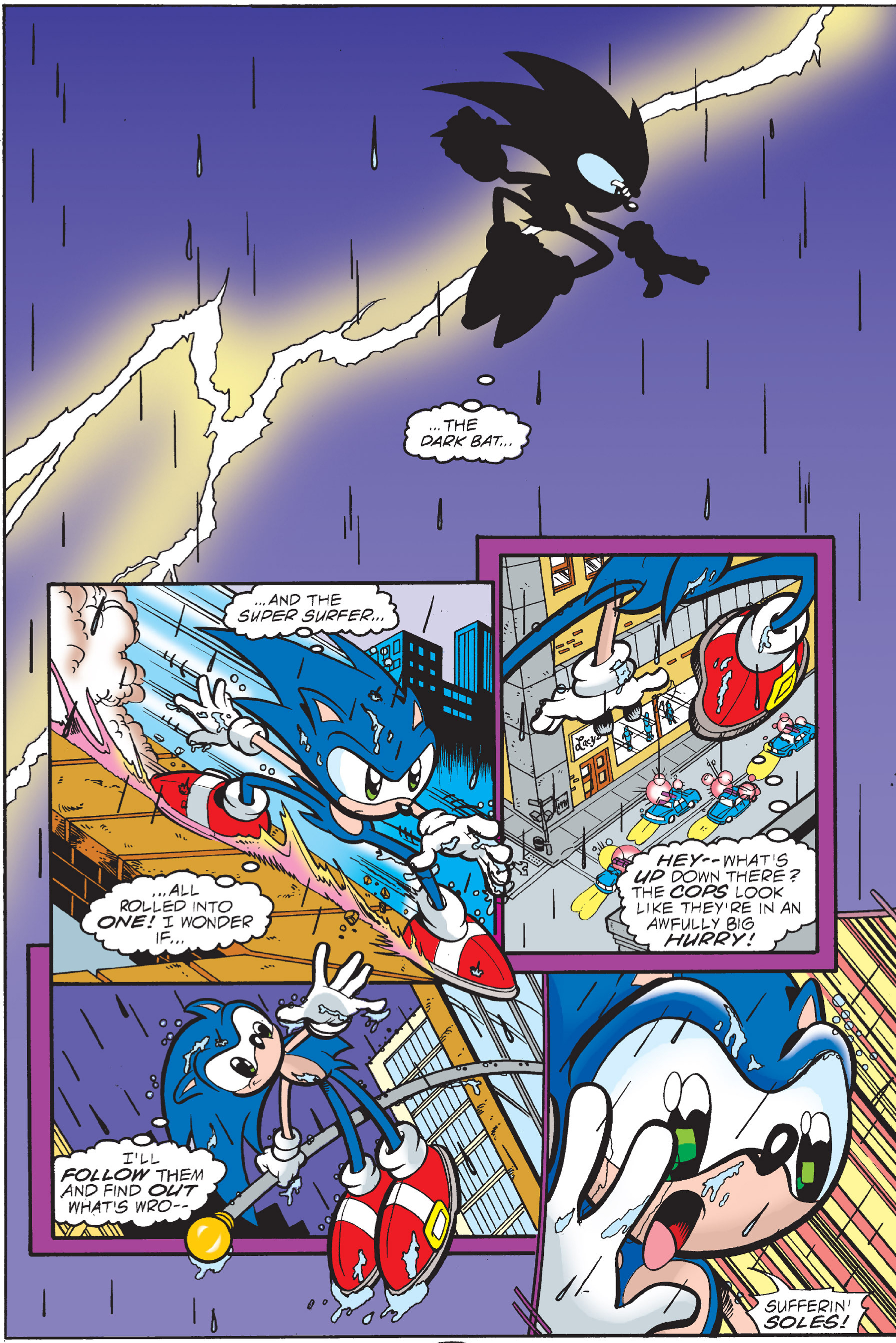
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SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG
IN
NIGHT OF CHAOS!
THIS TOWN IS AWESOME--NOTHING LIKE KNOTHOLE. I FEEL LIKE MY FAVORITE COMIC BOOK ADVENTURE HEROES...THE RUSH...


...THE DARK BAT...
...AND THE SUPER SURFER...
...ALL ROLLED INTO ONE! I WONDER IF...
HEY--WHAT'S UP DOWN THERE? THE COPS LOOK LIKE THEY'RE IN AN AWFULLY BIG HURRY!
I'LL FOLLOW THEM AND FIND OUT WHAT'S WRO--
SUFFERIN' SOLES!


WHAT'S UP?
YOU ARE COMPLETELY SURROUNDED! SURRENDER YOURSELF!
SPLISH SPLISH
LOCK ON TARGET, MEN!
READY... FIRE!
BLAM BLAM BLAM
"OH NO! OUR WEAPONS ARE USELESS!"
RETREAT! ALL PERSONNEL-- PULL BACK!
UGH!

POLICE
OH YEAH! THIS COULD BE FUN!
BUICK
SPLASSH
THAT'S IF I MANAGE TO KEEP OUT OF THIS THING'S WAY!
OKAY! LET'S SEE HOW YA HANDLE MY TRIPLE SONIC--
-yechh- --SPIN!
SPLOOSH
OH NO, YOU DON'T!
RUNNING UP A FLAGPOLE WON'T DO YA ANY GOOD!


WELL, MAYBE IT WILL...
...BUT IT DOESN'T MEAN I'M GONNA GIVE UP THE FIGHT THAT EASILY!
SPLOOSH!
IN THE WORDS OF MY DEAR OL' UNCLE CHUCK: "WHAT GOES UP...
"...MUST COME DOWN!"
KER-SPLISH
COME ON, YA BIG DRIP--
--WHERE YA GOIN'?

NOT BAD, HEDGEHOG!
YEAH, NOT BAD!
I'LL PLAY WITH YOU SOME OTHER TIME!
POLICE
OH REALLY? YOU KNOW NOTHING, FOOL! YOU MAY HAVE WON THE FIRST BATTLE, BUT THE WAR HAS ONLY JUST BEGUN--
--FOR YOU FACE CHAOS, THE GOD OF DESTRUCTION!
HA! HA! HA! HA! HA!
OUR SONIC ADVENTURE ADAPTATION CONTINUES IN SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #13! DON'T YOU MISS IT!


Born to the most noble of Echidna houses, the latest to continue the family heritage and responsibility as Guardian of The Floating Island, defender of all against the forces of evil from the world beyond as well as those who would threaten from within!
ARCHIE COMICS AND SEGA PRESENT... KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA!
DOOR to the PAST
THIS LOOKS SWEET, WHATEVER IT IS!
KIND OF SOME WEAPON, I GUESS!
BET THIS WOULD BE NASTY TO USE IN A FIGHT!
NEVER SAW ANYTHING LIKE THIS USED BY ANY ECHIDNA I CAN THINK OF!
WHOA!
MY HEAD!
FEELING KINDA WOOZY ALL OF A SUDDEN!
SEEING COLORS FLASH BEFORE MY EYES!
LOOKS PRETTY, THOUGH!
DO NOT WORRY, KNUCKLES--


--FOR IT IS ONLY I, TIKAL, AND I NEED YOUR HELP!
MY HELP? FOR WHAT?!!
YOU MAY BE AN ECHIDNA, BUT THAT ALONE DOESN'T CUT ANY ICE WITH ME!
"VERY WELL, KNUCKLES, MY TALE BEGINS LONG AGO, WHEN A BOAT-LOAD OF ECHIDNAS DEPARTED ALBION FOR THE HIGH SEAS...
"EVENTUALLY, THEY LANDED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, AND BEGAN REBUILDING A CIVILIZATION TO SUIT THEIR NEEDS...
"UNFORTUNATELY, THEY HAD SETTLED IN WHAT WAS KNOWN ONLY AS THE MYSTERIOUS CAT COUNTRY--
--AND SOON FOUND THEMSELVES FIGHTING FOR THEIR LIVES WITH THE NATIVE INHABITANTS...
"THE WARRIOR CASTE KNOWN AS THE KNUCKLES CLAN DECIDED TO STAY AND DEFEND THEIR TERRITORY, BUT THE SCIENTISTS WANTED NO PART OF ANY FURTHER BLOODSHED... AND SO THEY DEPARTED...[1]
"MY FATHER, PACHACAMAC, SEETHED FURIOUSLY INSIDE, ANGERED AT THE BETRAYAL BY THOSE WHO NEEDED THE KNUCKLES CLAN IN THE FIRST PLACE IN ORDER TO MOUNT THE EXPEDITION...
"MANY YEARS LATER, WHEN I WAS GROWN--



"--WE CHANCED UPON THE MYSTIC RUINS--"
WHO BUILT IT? AND WHY TIKAL?
IT MAY BEHOOVE US TO LEARN, FATHER!
"--WHERE WE DISCOVERED THE CHAO..."
WHAT STRANGE, BEAUTIFUL CREATURES, FATHER!
MAYBE THIS IS THEIR HOME!
"BEFORE FATHER COULD EVALUATE OUR DISCOVERY FURTHER, HE RECEIVED AN URGENT MESSAGE FROM ONE OF HIS SCOUTS..."
THE CAT CREATURES ARE PREPARING TO STRIKE BACK, LORD PACHAMAC!
"NOT WANTING ME TO TAKE PART IN ACTIVE COMBAT, FATHER ORDERED ME TO STAY BEHIND AT THE RUINS WHILE HE GATHERED HIS TROOPS FOR BATTLE...
FATHER TOLD ME TO KEEP MY DISTANCE--
--BUT THESE BIRD-LIKE BEINGS SEEM SO PLAYFUL AND HAPPY.
MAYBE I CAN COMMUNICATE WITH THEM!
HELLO, MY NAME IS TIKAL.
AND--I DON'T BELIEVE THIS--
--I CAN UNDERSTAND YOU!
OH! DO YOU LIVE HERE AS WELL?
"THE BEING I CAME TO KNOW AS CHAO DIDN'T SPEAK, BUT HE MADE HIS INTENTIONS KNOWN JUST THE SAME--
YOU WANT TO BE FRIENDS?
A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU!
"HOWEVER, THE BATTLE WITH THE CAT CREATURES WENT BADLY, AND THE ONLY THING THAT WOULD SAVE MY PEOPLE WERE THE SEVEN EMERALDS--
"--BUT THEY BELONGED TO THE CHAO, WHO HAD NO DESIRE TO BE INVOLVED IN ANYONE'S WAR!"




I WON'T OBEY!
WE NEED THOSE SEVEN EMERALDS TO GIVE US TOTAL POWER!
IT'S POWER FOR THE PEOPLE!
GREED IS OUR ENEMY!
ONCE IT STARTS, YOU WILL ALWAYS WANT MORE!
PLEASE-- DON'T DO THIS! I BEG OF YOU!
BAH! I DON'T LISTEN TO THE WORD OF A CHILD!
READY, MEN!! CHARGE!!!
FATHER!
" AS PACHAMAC AND HIS LOYAL SOLDIERS APPROACHED, THE MUTATED CHAO KNOWN AS CHAOS APPEARED BEFORE THEM, BLOCKING THEIR PATH TO THE EMERALD...
AAAARRGGHHH!
IT'S A MONSTER!!
NOOOOO!
THAT DOESN'T EXPLAIN TO ME HOW YOU GOT TO BE THE WAY YOU ARE!
CHAOS EVENTUALLY BECAME CORRUPT HIMSELF IN TRYING TO PROTECT HIS FAMILY FROM OTHERS!
EVENTUALLY, THE CHAO AND I DISCOVERED ITS WEAKNESS AND MANAGED TO IMPRISON HIM WITHIN THE BLACK EMERALD--
--BUT NOT WITHOUT PAYING A PRICE!
HEY! COME BACK HERE!!

"I HAVEN'T FINISHED WITH YOU YET!"
ARGHH! DUMMIES! DUMMIES! DUMMIES! DUMMIES!
103
NONE OF YOU GOT THE RIGHT ONE!
WE MUST FIND THE FROG WITH THE CHAOS TAIL!
104
HUH?
Ahhh, THERE IT IS!
RIGHT THERE!
I'M PROUD OF YOU, GAMMA![2]
I KNEW YOU'D BE OF USE TO ME!
AS FOR THE REST OF YOU--
(ENDNOTE: REFER TO E-102 BACK-UP STORY CONCERNING WHAT HAPPENED TO THE OTHER E-100 SERIES ROBOTS.)
LATER...
AS FOR YOU, MY SHIVERING FRIEND, YOU'RE ABOUT TO MAKE A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION IN THE GRAND SCHEME OF THINGS!
BEHOLD--


--MY MATTER/ENERGY TRANSMUTER--
--CAPABLE OF ABSORBING WHATEVER CHAOS ENERGY YOUR BODY POSSESSES AS WELL AS SAMPLING. YOUR DNA PATTERN FOR REUSE IN ANOTHER FORM!
A BRILLIANT DEVICE, IF I DO SAY SO MYSELF, FOR YOU SEE MY FRIEND PULSATING NEXT TO YOU--?
HE'S THE INTENDED BENEFICIARY OF YOUR COOPERATION!
DON'T WORRY!! THIS WON'T HURT--MUCH!!
BBZZZZIIIT!
MY, MY! WILL YOU LOOK AT THAT!!
AFTER SO MUCH EFFORT!! AFTER SO MUCH BLOOD, SWEAT AND TEARS, WE FINALLY HAVE--
CHAOS!
AND BELIEVE ME, IT DOESN'T GET ANY BETTER THAN THIS!
NOW, GO! SNIFF OUT THE REST OF THOSE EMERALDS!
THERE'S A WORLD WAITING FOR YOU TO BE UNLEASHED UPON--
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"--AND SOME ENEMIES OF MINE TO ELIMINATE ONCE AND FOR ALL!"
WE HAVE KEPT TO OURSELVES FOR AS LONG AS CAN BE REMEMBERED--
--AND YET, ONCE AGAIN, WE ARE INVADED BY OUTSIDERS SUCH AS YOURSELVES!
WE BELIEVE THOSE FROM YOUR ISLAND POSE A THREAT TO US--
--UNLESS YOU CAN CONVINCE US OTHERWISE!
YOU MAY RULE, BUT I'M NO FOOL!
I HEAR YOUR RAP, I SAY YOU'RE FULL OF CR--
VECTOR!!! SHOW SOME RESPECT!!
I'D WATCH MY MOUTH IF I WERE YOU!
WE TEND TO EAT OUR YOUNG IF THEY GET OUT OF LINE!
OH, GROSS!
THAT'S SO DISGUSTING!
I MEAN, YOUR MAJESTY, YOU'RE JUST KIDDING, RIGHT?
SHE'D BETTER BE, BECAUSE IF SHE ISN'T--
HUH?


--THE KNUCKLES CLAN IS PREPARED TO REFIGHT THE WAR YOUR KIND STARTED YEARS AGO!
FOLLOW KNUCKLES, CHAOS, & DR. ROBOTNIK INTO SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #13, AND CHECK OUT SONIC #84 FOR THE CONTINUATION OF LOCKE VS. THE CAT PEOPLE.


E-102 in: Double-Crossed CIRCUITS
YOU'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING QUITE LIKE IT, HAVE YOU, E-102?
YOUR SENSORS REGISTER FAMILIARITY WITH ITS RAW MATERIALS AND COMPONENTS, BUT ITS SHAPE IS POSITIVELY ALIEN.
AND ITS PURPOSE? IS IT IN ANY WAY SIMILAR TO YOURS?
EXCELLENT! ALL SYSTEMS --FULL POWER!
LOOK AT ME! I'M YOUR BRILLIANT CREATOR, DR. ROBOTNIK!
YOU'RE THE SECOND IN MY E-100 MODEL MACHINES.
Whrrr... BEEPBEEPBEEP... Klik!
E-102 CODENAME: GAMMA!
—GAMMA
THAT'S RIGHT! YOU WILL NOW OBEY ONLY ME!
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THE SHOOTING RANGE IS THROUGH THIS DOOR.
ONCE THERE, YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES TO COMPLETE THE OBSTACLE COURSE!
WhrrrWhrrr...
"PROCEED!"
Whrrr... BEEPBEEPBEEP... klik!
BEFORE YOU ARE MORE FIGURES, JUST LIKE THE ONES OUTSIDE--
-- ONLY MORE-- DANGEROUS!
RTT-RTT-RTT-KER-BLAAM!
ZHAAAT!
KA-BOOOM!
NOW ONLY ONE STANDS IN YOUR WAY...


KEEK!
WHAAAAAM!
YESSSSSS!
HE DID IT!!!
GOOD JOB GAMMA! I DIDN'T THINK YOU HAD WHAT IT TAKES!
NOW THAT E-102 HAS PROVEN ITS WORTH, DR. ROBOTNIK HAS MORE WORDS FOR ITS PROGRAMMING, AS WELL AS ITS COUNTERPARTS--
--TO GET AN AMPHIBIAN LIFEFORM!
SO NOW YOU'RE OFF, ON YOUR VERY FIRST ASSIGNMENT...
FOR YOU, THERE IS NO RIGHT OR WRONG.
YOU CAN ONLY DO WHAT YOU ARE DIRECTED TO, CORRECT?
SO IT IS NO SURPRISE WHEN, HOURS LATER, YOU AND YOUR BROTHERS RETURN WITH THAT YOU WERE ORDERED TO...



Ah, THERE IT IS! RIGHT THERE! I'M PROUD OF YOU, GAMMA!
I KNEW YOU'D BE OF USE TO ME!
KER-WHAM!
ALL YOU WORTHLESS HUNKS OF JUNK --
--BE GONE!
KER-BOOM!
KER-WHAM!
YOU WILL GET A NEW ASSIGNMENT! THIS ONE'S EASY!
GO TO THE ROOM THROUGH THAT LAST DOOR
ONCE THERE, YOU'LL FIND A GIRL AND A BIRD. JUST GET ME THAT BIRD. NOW GO.
YOU LINGER FOR A WHILE. WHY? COULD IT BE THINKING?
MOVING ABOUT ON YOUR OWN, E-102 ? NOW THAT WAS DEFINITELY UNFORESEEN !
BEREFT OF YOUR PROGRAMMING, YOU SHOULD BE NOTHING MORE THAN A MINDLESS HULK-- AN EMPTY SHELL !
CAN IT BE POSSIBLE--
--THAT SOMEWHERE UNDER THAT TITANIUM ALLOY CASING--


--LIFE STIRS WITHIN ?
DO YOU HEAR THAT ?
OH!
Whrrr... Whrrr...
AS THE YOUNG FEMALE HEDGEHOG SPEAKS, DEFYING YOUR COMMANDS TO HAND OVER THE BIRD...
...SOMETHING SPARKS IN YOUR PROGRAM.
INTERESTING. THE TONAL PITCH IN HER VOICE IS DIFFERENT--
--FROM THAT OF YOUR--CREATOR.
OR IS HE YOUR EVENTUAL EXECUTIONER?
WHAT IS IT ABOUT THESE CREATURES THAT CAUSE YOU TO ACTIVATE YOUR SELF-DIAGNOSTIC PROGRAM ?
IS IT THE FACT THEY'RE SO DIFFERENT THAT TRIPS YOUR SENSORS?
OR DOES YOUR MEMORY CIRCUITS EQUATE DR. ROBOTNIK'S ROBOTICIZATION OF THEIR KIND WITH HIS CAVALIER DESTRUCTION OF YOURS ?
AND IF SO, IS IT TRULY POSSIBLE YOU THINK--


--THEREFORE YOU ARE?
SUDDENLY EVERYTHING SEEMS SO CLEAR AND YET YOU SHOW SIGNS--
--OF MALFUNCTION.
WHOA!
SKUH-RUUNCH!!
Flicky!
CONGRATULATIONS, E-102. YOU HAVE NOW SURPASSED THE SUM TOTAL OF YOUR PROGRAMMING!
NOW THAT YOU'RE CAPABLE OF EXPERIENCING LOSS AND REGRET, HOW DOES IT FEEL TO BE SENTIENT?
SHE EXPRESSES GRATITUDE-- AND SOON AFTER YOU ARE COMMANDED TO GO TO THE DECK.
FOR THE MOMENT, YOU OBEY.
To be continued in Sonic Super Special #13